

## **II      Remarks**

With this amendment Claims 9, 14-21 and 24-27 are pending which were allowed. Claims 2, 3, 5-8 and 10 which were rejected are cancelled.

### *Allowable Subject Matter*

Applicants thankfully acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of claims 9, 14-21 and 24-27.

### *Claim Rejections*

To expedite allowance of the application, Applicants have cancelled claims 2, 3, 5-8 and 10 making mute the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§102(e) and 103(a). Applicants reserve the right to pursue the remaining subject matter in a continuation application.

### *Conclusion*

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all the pending claims, 9, 14-21 and 24-27, are in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections and allow the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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